Precautions or restriction concerning use of some drugs have been issued from time to time like for Paracetamol, Ciapride, and Minoxidil and Phenylpropenylamin (PPA) etc.

Safety standards for packaged food/bottled water

1273. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken to ensure that safety standards are met by packaged food/bottled water industries, in view of frequent revelations by media of safety hazards of the same, as in the case of a prominent chocolate manufacturer;

(b) the norms being followed in the country *vis-a-vis* those followed internationally and the details thereof; and

(c) the reason for Government feeling shy of punishing the culprits?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (c) The provisions of PFA Act, 1954 and Rules made there under are being implemented by the State/UT Governments and these Governments have been requested from time to time to check the quality of all food products and initiate action as per the provisions of PFA Act, 1954. The State Governments are drawing samples of all food products including chocolates under the PFA Act, 1954.

The safety standards for packaged food/packaged water are notified by the Government of India based on the recommendations of CCFS. Efforts are being made to gradually harmonize the standards for food products with those of codex/international norms.

Reduction in prices of Anti-retrovirus drugs

1274. SHRI DINA NATH MISHRA:
SHRI R.K. ANAND:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have finalized modalities for price reduction